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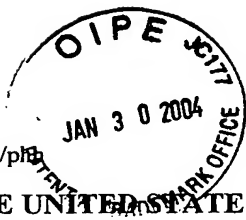
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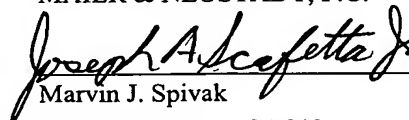
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AA (US 5,659,499) on Form PTO 1449:

This reference shows a similar MRAM, which has bit lines covered with magnetic material. But the magnetic material is not a free layer.

Reference AO (JP 2002-110938) on Form PTO 1449:

This reference shows a similar MRAM, which has bit lines covered with magnetic material. But the magnetic material is not a free layer.

References AA and AO on Form PTO 1449 are discussed in the specification.



LIST OF RELATED CASES

<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Serial or Patent Number</u>	<u>Filing or Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor/ Applicant</u>
211959US2SRD	6,556,473	04/29/03	SAITO et al.
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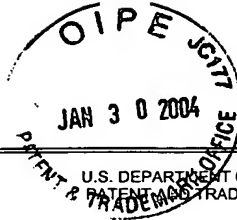
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